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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. DINITZ HAS CALLED TO SAY THAT RABIN REQUESTS THAT YOUR
BREAKFAST WITH HIM ON THE 28TH BE LIMITED TO RABIN AND
DINITZ ON HIS SIDE AND YOU PLUS ONE ON YOURS. MAY I TELL
DINITZ THIS IS ACCEPTABLE WITH YOU.

2. WE HAVE WON ON THE OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOMINATION.
WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL CALLED ME TODAY TO SAY THAT THE
PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH OUR NOMINATION OF
FRED IRVING TO THE JOB; THE WHITE HOUSE WILL NO LONGER
PUSH ITS OWN CANDIDATE. WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL PEOPLE ALSO
TELL ME THE PRESIDENT HAS NOW NARROWED HIS CHOICE FOR
PEKING TO EITHER SENATOR MANSFIELD OR BOB INGERSOLL. I
THINK THIS IS NUTS, BUT NOBODY ASKED ME. ADDITIONALLY, THE
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PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT WE FORWARD TO HIM THE NOMINATION

OF HIS FRIEND SMITH FOR THE EMBASSY IN SWEDEN. UNLESS YOU WANT TO DEBATE THIS FURTHER WITH THE PRESIDENT, I RECOMMEND GOING AHEAD AND WILL SUBMIT THE PAPERS IF YOU GIVE ME YOUR OK.

3. PIKE COMMITTEE EFFORTS CONTINUE. I HAVE TALKED TO TREEN AND KASTEN WHO WILL WORK FOR US ON THE MINORITY REPORT. IN ADDITION THEY ARE BOTH TRYING TO PREVENT PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT CONTAINS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, BUT NEITHER IS SURE THIS EFFORT

WILL SUCCEED. I HAVE TALKED TO ASPIN AS WELL. HE IS WORKING VERY HARD TO GET INTO THE REPORT WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE USEFUL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND THEREFORE DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE ON A MAJOR BATTLE OVER THE REPORT AS SUCH. HE DID CONCEDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PORTIONS RELATING TO YOU WERE UNJUST AND SPECIFICALLY UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO ABOUT THE RODGER DAVIES ASSASSINATION CHARGE AND THE PORTIONS ON SALT WHICH BUY THE ZUMWALT CHARGES LOCK, STOCK AND BARRELL (YOU WILL RECALL THAT ASPIN WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF ZUMWALT WHEN THE LATTER TESTIFIED). IN SHORT, WE CAN COUNT ON ASPIN TO WORK "ON THE EDGES," DOING HIS BEST TO AMELIORATE SOME OF THE OUTRAGEOUS CHARGES. BUT WE CANNOT COUNT ON HIM TO EITHER JOIN THE MINORITY REPORT OR IN ANY OTHER WAY TAKE PIKE ON IN A HEAD TO HEAD BATTLE.

4. PAT MOYNIHAN CALLED ME TODAY IN A SEMI-HYSTERICAL STATE. HE SAID THAT ALDO BECKMAN, WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, CALLED TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN TALKING TO SOME OF KISSINGER'S MEN WHO HAVE SAID THAT MOYNIHAN IS CAMPAIGNING TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THAT MOYNIHAN'S POSITION ON ANGOLA WAS NAIVE AND AN EMBARRASSMENT TO YOU. MOYNIHAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS SORT OF ATTACK ON HIM MUST STOP, THAT HE KNOWS YOU HAVE SAID THINGS VERY MUCH LIKE THIS, AND THAT YOU SIMPLY MUST EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU. PAT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT BEING PARANOID BUT THAT HE KNEW IF HE WERE TO QUIT IT WOULD "BRING DOWN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES." HE SAID HE DOES NOT NEED LECTURES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF

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STATE AND THAT IF YOU WANT HIM TO STAY IN HIS POSITION, YOU MUST FIND A WAY TO DEFEND HIM. "IF HENRY WANTS ME TO STAY," HE SAID, "HE MUST MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO STAY." PAT THEN WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT I GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY AND HAVE YOU CALL BECKMAN FROM BRUSSELS.

I TOLD PAT I THOUGHT THIS WAS ALL TERRIBLY ABSURD AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO THE "KISSINGER MEN" WERE WHO WERE

REPUTED TO HAVE MADE THESE REMARKS. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT THAT YOU SIMPLY HAD TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE POSITION WITH REGARD TO HIM IF HE WAS GOING TO STAY IN THE JOB. I DID MY BEST TO SOOTHE THINGS OVER BUT I LEFT HIM ONLY marginally less UNHAPPY THAN WHEN WE BEGAN THE CONVERSATION.

I THEN PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO BRENT AND ASKED HIM TO CALL BECKMAN. HE DID SO AND REPORTS THAT BECKMAN SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY MOYNIHAN WAS SO UPSET BY THE QUESTIONS. BECKMAN SAID HE HAD TALKED TO SOME PEOPLE AROUND KISSINGER WHO HAD MADE THE TWO COMMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO DO A "MILD" STORY ON IT BUT IT DIDN'T MERIT ALL THIS ATTENTION. SCOWCROFT ASSURED BECKMAN THAT HE KNEW MOST OF THE MEN AROUND KISSINGER AND HAD NEVER HEARD ANY OF THESE THINGS SAID BY THEM OR BY YOU.

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REACH PAT TO TELL HIM THAT I CANNOT GET THROUGH TO YOU IN BRUSSELS AND THAT A TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE CALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE UNWISE, BUT THAT BRENT HAS TALKED TO BECKMAN IN YOUR STEAD. I WILL LET YOU KNOW IF THERE IS ANY MORE FALL-OUT TO THIS LATEST MOYNIHAN ABSURDITY.

5. LATE ITEM: I HAVE JUST GOTTEN A DETAILED REPORT OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED TODAY WITH REGARD TO THE PIKE COMMITTEE REPORT. I AM TOLD THAT A "GOODLY PORTION" OF THE OFFENSIVE REFERENCES TO YOU HAVE BEEN DELETED AND THAT THE SECTION ON RODGER DAVIES HAS BEEN "SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED." MY INFORMANT TELLS ME, HOWEVER, THAT THE REPORT WILL STILL BE UNPALATABLE TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE TO US. WE SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE REVISED REPORT SOME-
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TIME TOMORROW AND I WILL BRING A COPY TO THE AIRPORT ON SUNDAY. DRAFTING BEGINS ON THE MINORITY REPORT TOMORROW AND THE DRAFTERS ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM AND HOPE TO BE ABLE TO USE IT ALMOST IN TOTO (THE TEXT OF WHAT WE HAVE GIVEN THEM IS BEING CABLED TO YOU BY SEPTTEL THIS EVENING). THOSE DRAFTING THE MINORITY REPORT FEEL THAT THE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE VERY LONG AND THAT IT OUGHT NOT BE A CATALOGUE OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST EACH OF THE POINTS MADE IN THE MAJORITY REPORT. NEVERTHELESS WITHIN THIS RESTRAINT THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO CORRECT THE RECORD AND THE IMPRESSION OF THE MAJORITY REPORT. SISCO

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